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Determination under the Foreign Missions Act

Section 209(a) of the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. § 4309(a)) (hereinafter “the Act”) authorizes the Secretary of State to make any provision of the Act applicable with respect to international organizations to the same extent that it is applicable with respect to foreign missions when he determines that such application is necessary to carry out the policy set forth in section 201(b) of the Act (22 U.S.C. § 4301(b)) and to further the objectives set forth in section 204(b) of the Act (22 U.S.C. § 4304(b)).

Section 209(b) of the Act (22 U.S.C. § 4309(b)) defines “international organization” as (1) a public international organization designated as such pursuant to the International Organizations Immunities Act (22 U.S.C. § 288 *et seq.*) or a public international organization created pursuant to a treaty or other international agreement as an instrument through or by which two or more foreign governments engage in some aspect of their conduct of international affairs; and (2) an official mission (other than a U.S. mission) to such a public international organization, including any real property of such an organization or mission and including the personnel of such an organization or mission.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the Act, and delegated by the Secretary of State to me as the Under Secretary of State for Management in Delegation of Authority No. 198, dated September 16, 1992, I hereby determine that the application of all provisions of the FMA to international organizations, as that term is defined in section 209(b), is necessary to facilitate the secure and efficient operation of public international organizations and the official missions to such organizations, to assist in obtaining benefits, privileges and immunities for these organizations, and to require their observance of corresponding obligations in accordance with international law. It will also further the objectives set forth in section 204(b) of the Act as it will assist in protecting the interests of the United States.

Furthermore, I determine that the principal offices of an international organization used for diplomatic or related purposes, and annexes to such offices (including ancillary offices and support facilities), and the site and any building on such site which is used for such purposes constitute a “chancery” for purposes of section 206 of the Act (22 U.S.C. § 4306).

This action supersedes the determinations under the Foreign Missions Act relating to permanent missions to the United Nations made by the Acting Secretary of State on December 7, 1982, and by the Secretary of State on June 6, 1983.

January 8, 2014

Patrick F. Kennedy
Under Secretary for Management

Date

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